(ii) Selection of the families below poverty line for assistance under IRDP should be from those with skills, aptitude and experience in handling assets. Others could also be provided assistance under IRDP, subject to acquiring or upgrading their skills under TRYSEM or other related training programmes.

(iii) Switchover from present front-end subsidy to back-end subsidy.

(iv) Measures for better recovery of IRDP loan.

(v) Realistic repayment schedules and increasing the security free limits.

(vi) Need to meet working capital requirement.

(vii) Stress on better planning and development of infrastructure.

(viii) Increase in the level of per family assistance by providing larger credit and higher subsidy.

(ix) Encouragement of group activities.

(x) Modification of traditional target oriented approach.

(c) Instructions to implement the recommendations have been issued by Government of India and Reserve Bank of India respectively to all the concerned.

ग्रामीण सफाई

519. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:**
श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला:

क्या ग्रमीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री 1 मार्च, 1996 को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 80 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि गत तीन वर्षों में और 1996 में अब तक ग्रामीण सफाई के संबंध में क्या उपलब्धियां हासिल की गई है?

ग्रमीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चन्द्रदेव प्रसाद वर्मा): विगत तीन वर्षों और 1996 में अब तक केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित ग्रामीण स्वच्छता कार्यक्रम और न्यूनतम आवश्यकता कार्यक्रम के तहत ग्रामीण स्वच्छता में की गई उपलब्धियां निम्नानुसार है:—

वर्ष	उपलब्धियां (निर्मित स्वच्छ शौचालयों की संख्या)
1993-94	311969
1994-95	592333
1995-96	746986
1996-97	10596
	(5/96)

Misuse of funds under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana in States

520. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any reports of misuse of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana funds in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Punjab, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to check the misuse of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (c) A few cases of misuse of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) funds have come to the notice of the Government of India in respect of these States. Involvement of Panchayats in the implementation of the Yojana in the country, has brought about the much desired transparency and the number of complaints regarding the misuse of JRY funds are relatively few. Nonetheless when complaints are received in the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment, they are referred to the concerned State Governments for appropriate inquiry and remedial action. Some of the State Governments have suspended the officers/sarpanches found responsible for misuse of JRY funds. Criminal cases have also been initiated against the officers/sarpanches who have

committed irregularities in the utilisation of JRY funds. Every possible efforts are being taken by the Government of India to avoid the misuse of JRY funds.

Rehabilitation of people affected by floods in Tehri Hydro Project Area

521. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed the U.P. Government and the Tehri Hydro-Power Development Corporation recently that the people likely to be affected by floods during rainy season in the Tehri project area are only to be evacuated and not permanently rehabilitated somewhere;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to rehabilitate them after the monsoon season; and

(c) the total number of people affected by this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Uttar Pradesh and the Tehri Hydro Development Corporation have been advised to stay the shifting of the population from the project area. However, people threatened by floods during the monsoon can be evacuated, and could return to their homes after the floods are over.

(c) 4909 rural families and 5291 urban families are required to be relocated at alternate sites as a result of the construction of the Tehri Project-Stage-I. Another 3998 rural families would only be partially affected and would not be required to be displaced.

Abandoning of oil search in the Bengal basin

522. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC has abondoned/propose to abondon oil search in the Bengal Basin;

(b) if so, when the exploration for oil search was started in the Bengal Basin;

(c) the estimated expenditure incurred so far on the project; and

(d) the reasons for abondoning the work after incurring huge expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Exploration for hydrocarbons in West Bengal was initiated in 1949 by Standard Vacuum Oil Company of USA. Subsequently, this was followed by Indo-Stanvac Petroleum (ISPP). ONGC started exploration in this basin in 1962 and is persuing it, ever since.

(c) Besides the expenditure incurred by other oil companies, the ONGC has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 644.96 crores in Bengal Basin till 31.3.1996.

(d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Aging Nuclear Installations in the Country

523. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOUTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item entitled "Atomic Board Chief Blasts DAE" published in "The Pinoeer" dated the June 17, 1996;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that many of the country's nuclear installations have aged and have serious problems characteristic of the early vintage design; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?